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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Sioux Falls VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) Medical Center, invites area residents to the dedication of the new VA outpatient clinic in Watertown, SD on April 21. This dedication will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Codington County Extension Complex at 1910 W. Kemp Avenue in Watertown. Refreshments will be served at the Extension Complex following the brief program, and a ribbon cutting and tours will take place at the clinic at approximately 2:00 p.m. The clinic is located in the Willow Creek Plaza at 917 29<sup>th</sup> St. SE in Watertown. The phone number is 605-884-2420.

This VA outpatient clinic will provide primary care and mental health services for area Veterans Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except on federal holidays. It will serve an area of five counties in SD and three in Minnesota and approximately 1500 Veterans from those counties in the start-up year. The clinic is staffed with VA employees including a physician, nurse manager, licensed practical nurse, and a doctor of pharmacy. Mental health services will be provided through video conferencing. The clinic will also begin enrolling Veterans for Home Based Primary Care services in May.

The Sioux Falls VA appreciates the partnerships with the South Dakota National Guard, Congressional representatives, the Codington County Veterans Service Officer, SD Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Watertown Chamber of Commerce, Codington County Commissioners, area Veterans service organizations and their members, the Watertown Mayor, and City Council.

Media is invited and encouraged to attend these events

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